

LSU Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting
10:00 AM, June 12, 2020
TEAMS

Call to Order by Dr. Sun Joseph Chang at 10:01 a.m. The minutes were with amendments.

Those present included: Kylee Brown, Sun Joseph Chang, Theegala Chandra, Zhiyuan Chen, Liu Chulanan, Richard Cooper, Becky Geautreaux, Hope Guidry, Stephen Harrison, Blair Hebert, Bin Li, Ken McMillan, Bradley Pousson, Ashley Powell, Gene Reagan, Teresa Raley, Mark Shafer, Sathivel Subramanian, Shannon Waits, Mark Wilson, Wenqing Xu.

Dr. Chang gave a report on the Board of Supervisors meeting and encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting on June 12, 2020. Dr. Chang explained anyone can attend by clicking the link on the web page.

Hamp Grunewald attended and gave an update on the budget. The AgCenter did not receive funds from CARES Act but did receive some funds from the Corona Relief Fund. Expect a budget cut next year (2021). Agriculture is deemed essential, allowing AgCenter to keep research programs.

Grunewald also gave an update on the tornado damage at Dean Lee research Station in Alexandria. Approximately \$7 million loss.

Dr. Richardson spoke about the budget. He is expecting no major budget cuts as of present. He also addressed the social unrest and emphasized the AgCenter is committed to promoting an atmosphere of diversity. The AgCenter is establishing a Diversity Council. He also reiterated that students are accountable for their conduct upon admittance.

Dr. Richardson addressed the issue of reopening and stated that the state is still under executive orders for Phase II. As of now, no decisions have been made about cancellation of Fall Break and other logistical strategies for face-to-face classes. The Council brought up some issues of concern such as remote teaching is not as effective as face-to-face. Factors for this include students having to compete for band width within their homes and communities, other obligations divert students' attention, less than honest practices during testing, etc. The Council is in favor of beginning the Fall semester early, cancelling Fall break, closing campus after Thanksgiving.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded at 11:29 am.

The next Faculty Council meeting is July 17, 2020. The scheduled 2020 Faculty Council meetings are August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20 unless otherwise stated.